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The Second Coming of W9YT... By Fred Laun,
HK3NBB/K3ZO... (First of a series)...

This scribe was in on the founding of the Badger Amateur Radio Society at the University of Wisconsin. At the time, I was W9SZR, originally from Kiel, Wisconsin. The other co-founders were W9VAK of Fond du Lac, now in the Chicago area; W9SDC, then and now of the Chicago area; W9VOO, now W9OO, of the Chicago area; W9RQN, of Superior, now K6EUW of San Diego; and W9ZQA from Chetek, now KE6MD of Berkeley, California.

At the time I arrived on the UW campus in the fall of 1955, there was only one place on the campus to operate, and that was at W9GOC, a dormitory club station at lakeside (Lake Mendota) with an old Meissner Signal Shifter driving a single 813 amp, which had been built without neutralization. The only band on which the monster would operate without problems was 40 meters.

There was an HQ-129X Hammarlund, which, for its day, was a pretty good receiver. And, the antenna was an end-fed Zepp, which was strung between the tops of two dormitories and worked quite well.

In those days, the FCC meted out hellfire and brimstone to those who dared to operate a club station using their own call signs, but occasionally it was difficult to resist temptation. Thus it was that (after a brand new Heath DX-100 had been acquired and assembled) one day W9ZQA heard CR8AC (Goa, a Portuguese colony then in India) coming through on 20 cw

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and gave him a call. Lo and behold, CR8AC came back. The wise old DX sages of Madison, at the next meeting of the Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club - which most of us were members of - pronounced the CR8AC a bootlegger. But eventually ZQA got the QSL, which he cherishes to this day.

When not in use as a ham rig, the DX-100 could be found on 1610 KHz (that was the lowest we could get the vfo to by detuning all the slugs) masquerading as "WCCC, Clark City, Missouri." (I hope the statute of limitations has run out.)

This station had some of the most hilarious ads ever heard in broadcasting up to that time, perhaps only exceeded in later times when K9ELT (now N6ZZ) was working as a BC engineer at WIBA. We tested the field strength of the station by driving all around Lake Mendota, and we were happy when it could be heard in most places.

Since VOO and ZQA were working in broadcasting at the time, the tapes were professionally done. A fellow named Paul Carlson, who never became a ham, also made important contributions to the program. Transmissions were limited to about two hours per broadcast, not because we were worried about the FCC, but because it took about 6 hours of work to get a decent hour of programming taped.

Our psychic rewards were reaped the following morning, when silently accompanying anonymous groups of students on their way to classes, we heard comments about "that crazy radio station from Missuri." (Series continued next issue).

Columbia-W5LFL Update - This excerpt from a note from Roy Neal, K6DUE...

"...Owen Garriott, W5LFL, will fly in the Columbia. The spacecraft was returned to the Orbital Processing Facility at the Cape after its last flight. It will be modified and the next flight will be STS9, with the Space Lab and with W5LFL. Hopefully there also will be 2 meter gear on board.

"Also, contrary to some published reports, the flight will be for 9 days...it has been extended."

(The above was in response to my erroneous report that Columbia was to be retired after its last flight..not so! Thanx Roy.)

Badger State Smoke Signals is now available on an individual subscription basis at six dollars per year. It is also available to clubs or groups of 25 persons or more at the rate of 25 cents per member per month, or \$3.00 per year. If a club or group joins Badger State SS, one full page of news of that club will be included, and will be printed each month as submitted.

There will also be several pages of general news, covering the world, country and Wisconsin Amateur activities. For more information, write or call Ken Ebnetter, K9EN, 822 Wauona Trail, Portage, Wis. 53901. (608) 742-3560.

Hamfest flyers will continue to be included at no charge, but must be received by K9EN at least two months before the event. If you have news for the paper, send it to Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ, 1411 Martiny Ct. #6 Baraboo, Wis. 53913. Want ads are 50¢ per line. Exchange papers will continue. Also, please note that my address above is a new one; if you are an exchange editor, please check it. Danke, amigo.

Westlink Report (Used by permission)...

Amateur Radio Training Instructors take note: Bulk Novice exams are now available by requesting them from the FCC in Gettysburg, Penna 17325 (Box 1020). Unlike the usual method which requires an examiner to certify an applicant's code proficiency before a written test can be obtained, the

"bulk" method allows an examiner to conduct both tests in a single session. This is especially helpful in training classes where passing a Novice test is the final exam. Thx New England Report.

Project OSCAR has prepared a new set of 1983 orbital prediction calendars for AMSAT OSCAR 8 and the Russian RS-5, -6, -7 and -8 satellites. If you would like one of these calendars, their availability requires a minimum donation of \$10.00 (\$12.00 overseas) to: Project OSCAR, P.O. Box 1136, Los Altos, Calif. 94022.

The Phase 3-B launch looks better and better for April, 1983. While many dates have been rumored, it now appears that the launch of Phase 3-B aboard the ESA Ariane L-6 booster will take place sometime in the second half of the month, with the 20th and 21st appearing to be likely target dates at this time.

Total Citizens Band delicensing is coming whether the CBers want it or not. The Commission has released Personal Radio Docket 82-799 which is aimed squarely at getting the FCC out of the day-to-day administration of both Citizens Band and Radio Control. The Docket is expected to face some stiff opposition from organized CB groups such as REACT, who want to see licensing retained along with more stringent enforcement of the rules...(but)...look for delicensing to occur fairly quickly after (comment) dates have passed.

Stuff: Good to hear Ralph Henes, K9VDD, back in the Badger state for a visit. Ralph, who hailed from the Madison area, is living in the Nevada mountains about 6,500 feet up. Says 2 meters is great from that altitude and excellent repeater range too...MARA Christmas party at the Hilltop Inn south of Cross Plains was very well-attended; Santa (KA9CNE) showed up in a jogging suit; Santa is into the fitness program. No more bowl full of jelly...

Milwaukee Radio Amateur Club's annual Ol Timers Night at Pabst Hall, Milwaukee, also well attended. Kudos to Charles Kaetl, W9SNK, on this well organized event! Happy New Year from our staff! zz

Yellow Thunder ARC News: The December meeting was held on the 16th at the Baraboo Civic Center. Present were:

Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ, Baraboo
 Bob King, KA9QNY, Baraboo
 Dick Lewis, N9BZC, Baraboo
 Ted Meyer, N9BXY, Baraboo
 Harry Mayland, K9FFT, Baraboo
 Ken Ebnetter, K9EN, Portage
 Jim Decker, WB9UQT, Baraboo
 Art Kleefisch, W9WSS, Baraboo.

A total of 8 Full members were present, so there was no quorum. The annual officer elections could not be held. The present officers will continue (as one non-member put it, as "figureheads") until elections can be held.

A short gab session was held. Treasurer WB9UQT reported a balance of \$283.40 at meeting time. The FCC and ARRL new Novice exam programs were discussed and explained by K9EN. Also discussed were the possible no-code exams/licenses.

Buck Nite winner was Matt Helt, WA9EKQ, who was absent. For January, it's \$2.00. We then proceeded to eat and enjoy a \$16 cake, paid for by the treasury, and also enjoyed those delicious Rosettes made by Judy Lewis, YF of N9BZC. Thanx, Judy!

1983 YTARC Meeting Dates:

Mon Jan 17	Mon May 16	Mon Sep 14
Tue Feb 15	Tue Jun 14	Tue Oct 11
Wed Mar 16	Wed Jul 13	Wed Nov 16
Thu Apr 14	Tue Aug 11	Thu Dec 15.

YTARC 52 Net meets every Monday at 7 p.m. local time on 146.52 MHz Fun Mode. NCS for January, 1983:

Mon Jan 3 - K9ZZ Mon Jan 10 - K9EN
 Mon Jan 17 - W9KKM Mon Jan 24 - N9BXY
 Mon Jan 31 - K9ZZ.

The club could use a couple more NCS. Any volunteers?

Well, let's see...Some say YTARC is dead and the officers should "stop keeping it artificially alive," according to another non-member's opinion (and he was one of the founders!!!) Others do know that the club has problems - the primary one being no meeting attendance. There is only one

answer, friends. That is for those members who don't come to meetings to come! There are many members on the roster who are in easy driving distance. The club is really like a living being - it needs attention and nourishment to survive, and it isn't getting either. Your presence provides that attention and that nourishment. In other words, ignore it and it will go away...indeed, that it will!

Another item of interest is this: Not one member of the classes we've held the past two years has joined. We're at a loss to explain that. They all have been invited. Our founding fathers' idea behind classes was twofold: (1) Make it easy to become a Ham, and, (2) to give new members to the club. All the successful graduates have indeed been extended an invitation to join.

The club is people. It's you. Or at least, it's a part of you. Will you let that part die?

Comments have been made that since no elections were held (and no willing candidates, either) that no one will come to meetings for fear of being asked to serve in an office. Offices are not hard to maintain. The jobs are very basic, quite easy to perform.

Will you let it happen? The club lives or dies according to your wishes and action.

-73, Jim, K9ZZ

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Notes: Coupla years ago, Yellow Thunder ARC had a program given by Woody Minar, K9EF/8RL. Woody has been home since then, and a recent letter tells that he is in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where the communist government won't give him an operating permit. Fact is, in fact, he's even been hassled a little by the powers that be under totalitarianism.zz

YTARC's Program for its January meeting will be a continuation about digital electronics and communications techniques ("Advanced Communications Techniques.")

Rumor has it that the new "Zilch Club" is growing and expanding.

Your editor is not privy to any info about it, so can't pass on much info about, except it now covers a four-county area.

Watch It if you're working the new 10 MHz band! FCC is levying fines for those careless souls who stray into the forbidden 10.109 to 10.115 area. The station operating there has complained to FCC about harmful interference from Amateur stations. We are there on a secondary basis only, and we must not cause any harmful interference with any fixed stations operating there.

Careful how you use it-or we'll lose it!

Is Your License current? Take it out rite now and check it! K9ZZ has form 610 available for #10 SASE.

Madison Area Repeater Association (MARA) the gang who operate the Mad City 16/76 and 75/15 repeaters will be moving the machine a little further south. WISM (who MARA Prexy W9HSY works for) is building a new FM broadcasting tower somewhere near Oregon (Wis.). MARA's antennas will enjoy a nice high spot on the new stick. Plan now to attend the MARA swapfest on April 10, 1983. Info and reservations-MARA, P.O. Box 3403, Madison, Wis. 53704. Opens 8 a.m. that day at Forum building near the Coliseum, Madison.

Waukesha Swapfest (The original Waukesha Swapfest) coming up Saturday, January 8, 1983 at the Waukesha Expo Center. More floor space than ever before. WARAC will be selling the chow - better food, less cost! \$50 door prizes drawn on the hour from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Must be present. Building is just a mile or two south of I-94, take the Hwy. F exit to FT, turn west and you're there. More info is in the flyer you received with this issue. See you there.

Old Geezer (late W9KQB): "If nature intended we talk more than we hear, we'd have 2 mouths & only one ear."

Yellow Thunder ARC January birthdays:

Jan. 21 - Ken Trachte, N9ADN, Madison
Jan. 28 - Seann Watson, KA9MAX, Portage
Jan. 30 - Elwyn Harris, W9YPP, Prairie du Sac.

Lots more, and may they all be happy!

Sentence Sermon - 1983 Begins:

It is better to have made good resolutions and broken them, than not to have made them at all, for in the making of the resolution there is some divine urge in the soul, there is some far-off light that shines.

-Harry Emerson Fosdick

Your Shack (As written by Bud Wolda, W9KQB (Silent Key)...

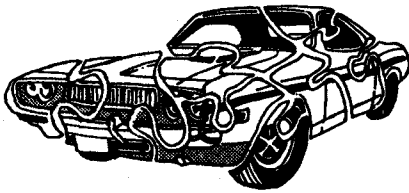
Your shack; have ya ever jist sat and looked around the place? Quite a spot, ain't it. Here's a place you kin find your air buddies or new acquaintances at will. Here is a place where ideas are formed & lonesomeness is an unknown feeling. Be it in your attic, basement or living room, visitors enjoy the surroundings. The welcome mat is really meant. Conversation is never found wanting; fact is, time is always too short with callers. Has it ever occurred to you what you would do if this special room was suddenly deactivated? Those of us that went thru the war as hams, know the feeling; we were lost.

One has but to scan the papers to see wat happens to some of our young folks who never were introduced to ham radio. The percentage of radio amateurs that go astray is mity small. Your shack; it's wat you make it. Some like it neat & orderly; others prefer convenience & easy access to all gear. Even a haywire layout can be a source of pleasure.

Needless to say, safety is a must. No two shacks are alike but that which comes from having one is common to all; enjoyment, good friends, knowledge, & a very interesting life are just a few of the benefits of bein the owner of a ham shack. U like urs?

-Bud Wolda, W9KQB (The Old Geezer)

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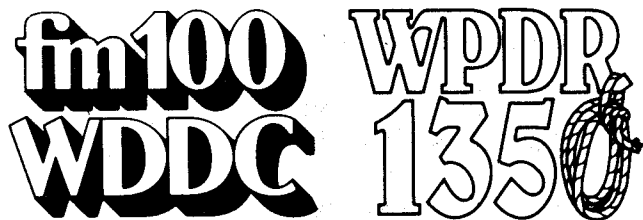
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21, thus consenting to ratification of
of the Final Acts of the 1979 World Ad-
ministrative Radio Conference (The so-
called "WARC" treaty. President Reagan is
is expected to sign it at once.

Call Signs as of 16 December; 9th area:

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>	<u>Group D</u>
KR9P	KC9VX	N9DQV	KA900F

(Tnx ARRL Letter).

ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC, has
written each FCC Commissioner, urging a
delay of 18 months before FCC considers
any no-code license. Tnx ARRL Letter.

Look inside for a flyer about the orig-
inal Waukesha Swapfest Jan. 8, 1983. Be
there for lotsa junkie swapping & sell-
ing. Also, an editorial on meeting atten-
dance, "figureheads", and more.

Rumor sez a local yokel worked BY8AA,
in officially aesthetic China...

Change in SS status shows in our new
sheet; open and see.

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hobby, please send it to K9ZZ. Merci.

Who sez radio is "wireless?" Ever look
behind your operating desk?

cul, gang..cul..... --